

STATE ENERGY STRATEGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS

APPENDIX C

Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition



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Dear Tony:

Mr. John Maher and I alternated as the Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition's representative to the Washington State Energy Strategy Advisory Committee. The following comments are submitted on behalf of the Coalition.

The recently-concluded update of the Washington State Energy Strategy was a very different exercise from the original effort. Ten years ago, the product emerged as the result of an extended consensus-building exercise managed by an independent consultant and chaired by Jim Waldo. Contemporary time and budgetary constraints understandably kept this successful formula from being repeated.

Nevertheless, the present document is a testimony to the considerable effort invested by you, your staff and the energy policy stakeholders advisory group over a very short period of time. The resulting report is appropriately linked to your office's biennial report since, apart from the "Guiding Principles" laboriously authored by the entire advisory group, the report itself is principally a product of the CTED Energy Policy Group.

Although consensus between the stakeholders was reached only on the Guiding Principles, the entire Energy Policy Group update provides good fodder for future discussions. We agree with your assessment that the work should continue with the ongoing participation of stakeholders including those missing from the 2003 Strategy. The Northwest Independent Power Producers Coalition is one stakeholder that looks forward to working with the Energy Policy Group as you continue helping to shape the Administration's energy policy.

Sincerely,

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